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ECAC Announces 2009 Division III Metro Men's Soccer All-Stars

CAPE COD, Mass. - The 2009 ECAC Division III Metro men's soccer Offensive Player of the Year award is going out to two recipients this year. The first selection earns this title after accumulating 35 points during the 2009 season. Old Westbury senior forward, Fabian Santibanez, tallied 11 goals, 13 assists and one game-winning goal this season. This is the second consecutive year that Santibanez has been honored as the Skyline's Player of the Year. Also earning this year's award is CUNY conference Player of the Year, Elysee Vilsaint. The junior midfielder from York College ranks third in the nation with 17 goals, including five gamewinners. In addition, the eight assists dished out gives him 42 points on the season.

Charlie Cunliffe of Rowan receives the honor of 2009 ECAC Division III Metro Defensive Player of the Year. The junior goalkeeper has helped the team to a 13-6-2 record. Cunliffe had a goals against average of 0.91 and a saves percentage of .866. In the 2009 season, Cunliffe recorded seven shutouts.

The 2009 ECAC Division III Metro Rookie of the Year honor goes to John Dettori from St. Joseph's Long Island. He has recorded 47 points during his first collegiate season. Jansen tallied 19 goals, nine assists, and three gamewinners.

Joining Santibanez and Dettori are three other forwards representing the ECAC first All-Star team. Freshman Rob Santaniello from Ramapo had 38 points this season, netting 16 goals, four of which were gamewinners, and six assists. Senior Michael Cullen of Montclair State posted 27 points for the season. He scored ten goals, including four gamewinners, and had seven assists. Lastly, junior Rafael Duarte from Richard Stockton has 27 points this season, including 12 goals, three assists, and four gamewinners.

Joining Vilsaint on the ECAC first All-Star team as a midfielder are junior Stephan Zaech from St. Joseph's Long Island. Zaech has 41 points on the season, recording 14 goals, two gamewinners, and 13 assists. Also, Julian Valerio from Williams Paterson is receiving honors after earning 22 points this season, with eight goals and six assists. Lastly, Montclair State's Joseph Cullen earns ECAC honors after dishing out five assists and scoring five goals to earn 15 points on the season.

St. Joseph's K.J. LaBarbera, York's Jaime Hay, and Montclair State's William Griffin are receiving defensive honors on the ECAC first All-Star team. LaBarbera, a junior, led the Montclair backline, tallying three assists and one goal this season. Hay has been solid in the back, helping the Spartans to a 17-1-5 record. The senior has one goal and one assist. Griffin has had a great impact on Hawks record of 17-2-2, also recording three points on the season. Closing up the defensive unit for ECAC first All-Star team is Cunliffe as the goalkeeper.

2009 ECAC Division III Metro Men's Soccer All-Stars

Co-Offensive Players of the Year	Defensive Player of the Year	Rookie of the Year
Fabiano Santibanez, Senior, Old Westbury Elysee Vilsaint, Junior, York College	Charlie Cunliffe, Junior, Rowan	John Dettori, Freshman, St. Joseph's (NY)

First Team All-Stars

Fabiano Santibanez, Senior, Forward, Old Westbury
 John Dettori, Freshman, Forward, St. Joseph's (NY)
 Rob Santaniello, Freshman, Forward, Ramapo
 Michael Cullen, Senior, Forward, Montclair State
 Rafael Duarte, Junior, Forward, Richard Stockton
 Elysee Vilsaint, Junior, Midfielder, York College
 Stephan Zaech, Junior, Midfielder, St. Joseph's (NY)
 Julian Valerio, Junior, Midfielder, William Paterson
 Joseph Cullen, Senior, Midfield, Montclair State
 K.J. LaBarbera, Junior, Defender, St. Joseph's (NY)
 Jaime Hay, Freshman, Defender, York
 William Griffin, Senior, Defender, Montclair State
 Charlie Cunliffe, Junior, Goalkeeper, Rowan

Second Team All-Stars

Freddy Carasco Dance, Senior, Forward, Baruch
 Jacob Hartog, Sophomore, Forward, Bard
 Sharard Sullivan, Junior, Forward, Medgar Evers
 Kevin Luber, Senior, Forward, TCNJ
 Erik Badger, Senior, Midfielder, Bard
 Estiven Benitez, Junior, Midfielder, Rutgers-Newark
 Sean Nelson, Junior, Midfielder, Richard Stockton
 Stefan Cocea, Sophomore, Defender, Baruch
 Mike Krol, Junior, Defender, Montclair State
 Mat Arthurs, Senior, Defender, Farmingdale State
 Michael Dougherty, Senior, Goalkeeper, St. Joseph's (NY)

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